

February 13, 1950.

Dr. Seymour Fogel,
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Dear Seymour:

Two students from Brooklyn College, Miss Phyllis Fried and Mr. Albert Romano, have applied for assistantships here, naming you as a reference. It would be a great help if you would address your letter to me (rather than Dr. Brink), and since these letters are the main basis for selection of candidates, any information that you might give will be very important. Also, since it is unlikely, though not impossible, that there would be room here for both candidates, I may have to rely on your judgment as to which of them should be preferred. We are, of course, more interested in a student with potentialities for original and imaginative research, than in someone who would be helpful immediately as a technician in our current research program.

Mrs. Lederberg and I were puzzling over the identity of the "mutable-gene" man in the New Yorker's writeup of the AAAS meetings. This wasn't Seymour Fogel by any chance?

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,
Assistant Professor of Genetics